

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2009**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 23, 2012

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An act to add Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 120490) to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to communicable disease.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2009, as introduced, Galgiani. Communicable disease: influenza vaccinations.

Under existing law, the State Department of Public Health administers various programs for the protection of public health. The department provides a biennial report to the legislature on the immunization status of young children in California.

This bill would require, by July 1, 2013, the department, in consultation with the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Care Services, to establish a one year pilot program to provide, at no charge, the seasonal influenza vaccine through the federal Vaccines for Children Program at the elementary or secondary schools of not more than 3 participating school districts and counties. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services shall establish an administration fee, as specified. This bill would also require participating counties and school districts to prepare and submit to the department a specified report.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to do both of  
2 the following:

3 (a) Protect public health by reducing the spread of influenza in  
4 the community.

5 (b) Help improve pandemic preparedness through the  
6 implementation of a school located influenza vaccination program  
7 in the state.

8 SEC. 2. Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 120490) is added  
9 to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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11 CHAPTER 6. SCHOOL BASED INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM  
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13 120490. (a) By July 1, 2013, the department, in consultation  
14 with the State Department of Education and the State Department  
15 of Health Care Services, shall establish a one year pilot program  
16 to provide, at no charge, the seasonal influenza vaccine through  
17 the federal Vaccines for Children Program (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396s)  
18 at the elementary or secondary schools of not more than three  
19 participating school districts and counties. The State Department  
20 of Health Care Services shall establish an administration fee  
21 pursuant to the federal program to provide the influenza vaccine  
22 to participating school districts where more than 50 percent of the  
23 pupils qualify for Medi-Cal.

24 (b) No later than 90 days following the completion of the pilot  
25 program, participating county and a school district shall submit a  
26 written report on the results of the program to the department. The  
27 report shall include all of the following:

28 (1) An assessment of the seasonal influenza vaccination rates  
29 of school-aged children in localities where the program is  
30 implemented, compared to the national average.

31 (2) An assessment of the number of education days gained,  
32 including statistics on the average daily attendance rates and  
33 absenteeism among school-aged children and faculty.

34 (3) If feasible, an assessment of other indirect benefits, including  
35 the impact on hospital stays for influenza-like-illness, physician  
36 visits, and medication usage.

- 1 (4) A recommendation of whether the pilot program should be
- 2 expanded.

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